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1. FOLLOWING IS LATEST TENTATIVE AGENDA PROPOSED BY GOA
FOR MIXED COMMISSION MEETING:

1. ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION AND
OUTLOOK FOR ARGENTINA AND THE U.S., WITH A SPECIAL
ATTENTION TO THE AGRICULTURAL AND LIVESTOCK
SITUATION.

2. TRADE

2.1 ANALYSIS OF BILATERAL TRADE

2.1.1 CURRENT SITUATION

2.1.2 OUTLOOK

2.2 BILATERAL TRADE PROBLEMS

2.2.1 MEAT

2.2.2 CHEESE

2.2.3 POWERED MILK

2.2.4 SUGAR

2.2.5 SHOES

2.2.6 LEATHER WEAR

2.2.7 TEXTILES AND CLOTHING

2.2.8 STEEL

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3. TRADE PROMOTION

3.1 POSSIBILITIES OF TARIFF REDUCTIONS ON
ITEMS TO BE DETERMINED.

3.2 PARTICIPATION IN FAIRS AND EXHIBITS AND
ORGANIZATION OF TRADE MISSIONS.

3.3 THE ARGENTINE SYSTEM OF TAX REBATES FOR
EXPORTS AND THE US VIEW ON THIS SUBJECT.

- 3.4 US PARTICIPATION IN LARGE ARGENTINE INFRA-STRUCTURE PROJECTS.
4. US PARTICIPATION IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WITH RESPECT TO ARGENTINE LOAN APPLICATIONS.
5. ARGENTINE FOREIGN INVESTMENT LEGISLATION AND INVESTMENT POSSIBILITIES IN SECTORS OF INTEREST TO ARGENTINA.
6. DISCUSSION OF A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT FOR THE AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION
7. TOURISM
8. ECONOMIC COMPLEMENTARITY, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
- 8.1 DETERMINATION OF SPECIFIC SECTORS WHICH WOULD LEAD THEMSELVES TO ECONOMIC COMPLEMENTARITY.
- 8.2 DETERMINATION OF SECTORS AND MEANS OF TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION AND COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.
- 8.3 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
9. INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE MIXED COMMISSION.
10. OTHER ITEMS.

2. WITH RESPECT TO OUR COMMENTS OR PROPOSALS OUTLINED REF B, JUAN CARLOS VIGNAUD, CHIEF OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AT THE MFA RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS:
A) HE INDICATED THAT GOA HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO ELIMINATE HUMPHREY-KENNEDY TOPIC BUT WANTED TO KEEP ONE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON U.S. VOTES IN IFI'S, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT IS RELEVANT TO TOPIC ON U.S. PARTICIPATION IN LARGE ARGENTINE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (ITEM 3.4 IN NEW AGENDA). HE SAW NO PROBLEM IN AVOIDING COMMITMENT AS TO THE FREQUENCY WITH WHICH THE MIXED COMMISSION WOULD MEET. GOA INTEREST IS TO ARRANGE APPROPRIATE EXCHANGE OF NOTES FORMALLY INSTITUTIONALIZING MIXED COMMISSION, A FORUM WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN HIGH LEVEL BILATERAL MEETINGS FOR MANY YEARS.
B) HE SAW NO PROBLEM IN REORGANIZING ITEMS II AND III AS OUTLINED PARAGRAPH 3 REF B.
C) HE SAID THAT GOA WORKING GROUP FOR MIXED COMMISSION WOULD TRY TO PROVIDE MORE SPECIFIC DETAILS ON WHAT GOA PROPOSES TO DISCUSS IN TOPIC ENTITLED "ECONOMIC COMPLEMENTARITY, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE."
D) WITH RESPECT TO PARAGRAPH 5 REF B, GOA HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO COMBINE THESE TWO TOPICS INTO TOPIC 5 OF LATEST AGENDA.
E) HE AGREED THAT POSTAL TOPIC CAN BE HANDLED SEPARATELY. IN NEW AGENDA, IT WOULD BE INCLUDED UNDER ITEM 10 "OTHERS".

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